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SUBJECT: POSTING OF LEAHY VETTING GUIDE

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¶1. The Department is pleased to announce that a new Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) on Leahy Vetting is now posted on the Abuse Case Evaluation System (ACES) website at <http://aces.state.sgov.gov/>. This document serves as a practical user's guide for implementation of the Leahy Law at posts and in the Department. The State Leahy Amendment and Department policy restricts the Department from providing assistance to any foreign security unit or individual for which credible evidence exists of gross violation of human rights, unless certain conditions have been met.

¶2. The Department underscores that formal guidance on implementation of the Leahy Law is contained in reftels A, B, and C. This SOP supplements but does not replace previous guidance.

¶3. Department understands that Baghdad and Kabul are developing vetting procedures to take into account the current conditions in those countries. Department will work with both posts to craft a practical procedure which meets Leahy requirements.

¶4. Posts may contact Rod Morgan Phone: 202-647-4281; e-mail: [MorganR@state.gov](mailto:MorganR@state.gov) or Leroy Potts [PottsLG@state.gov](mailto:PottsLG@state.gov) Phone: 202-647-261-8025 if they have difficulties accessing the ACES system, the SOP, or for general questions on this topic.

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